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USAID/ASHA Announcements

USAID/ASHA FY 2016 APS Is Open for Comment

The USAID/ASHA Annual Program Statement (APS) for FY 2016 is now open for comment on grants.gov. USAID/ASHA looks forward to your comments. [Click here to view the document.](#)

The deadline to submit comments is **October 27th, 2015 at 5 pm**. Questions about this APS should be sent via email to ASHAapplications@usaid.gov.

Doing Business with USAID Webinar

Several U.S. organizations have requested assistance helping overseas institutes process DUNS and SAM actions. Please visit "Doing Business with USAID: DUNS and SAM Systems 101" webinar on the USAID [Learning Lab site](#).

Partners should view the site to learn how to streamline procurement processes and better educate their organizations on doing business with the federal government. The website includes the screencasts of the PowerPoints, and the translations of the presentations into Spanish, French, and Creole under the "Resources" tab on the right of the screen.



USAID/ASHA Director Kate Crawford learning about plant biology from an EARTH University student.

Photo: Adam Cyr/USAID ASHA

USAID/ASHA Director Katherine Crawford had the opportunity to spend time visiting EARTH University during EARTH's 25th Anniversary celebration. EARTH showcased multiple USAID/ASHA projects and their impact on students. See more photos on our Twitter and Facebook pages.

Save the Dates: 2015-2016 EPA Webinars on Sustainable Pest Control in Schools

Environmental protection and pest control are required considerations when receiving USAID assistance.

Over the next school year, EPA will host their second webinar series on school integrated pest management (IPM). IPM is a smart, sensible, and sustainable approach to managing pests that emphasizes pest prevention and the appropriate use of pesticides. Experts from across the country will relay information and practical strategies for establishing and improving IPM programs in schools. The monthly webinars, which begin on September 21, will help school districts adopt a proactive approach to pest control.

This year's series will address the following topics:

- September 21, 2015: How to Conduct a Pest Assessment at Your School
- October 20, 2015: Managing Head Lice in Schools
- November 10, 2015: Writing an IPM Policy for Your School District
- December 15, 2015: Bed Bugs in Schools
- January 26, 2016: Washington State School IPM Enhancement Project

- February 23, 2016: Procuring IPM-Based Pest Management Services
- March 15, 2016: IPM for Turf on School Grounds
- April 19, 2016: Vertebrate Turf Pests
- May 17, 2016: Ants - The #1 Pest in Schools

Find information on these upcoming webinars and [last year's webinars](#).

Learn more about [IPM in Schools](#).

Watch this [short video](#) from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation to learn more about IPM.

All webinars will begin at 2:00 p.m., Eastern Time. Presenters and registration information will be sent out several weeks before each webinar.

USAID/ASHA Partner Successes



Abaarso School graduate Abdisamad Adan is attending Harvard University.

Photo by Kayana Szymczak for The New York Times

Graduate of the Abaarso School featured in the New York Times

Abdisamad Adan, a graduate of USAID/ASHA partner Abaarso School of Science and Technology, started his freshman year at Harvard University this fall. Abdisamad has said he plans to return to Somaliland and work with young people, and then perhaps pursue a career in politics; he hints that he'd like to be president some day. Abdisamad's story is a continuing trend for the Abaarso School with an astonishing 26 other alumni at U.S. universities, including M.I.T., George Washington University,

Grinnell, Oberlin, Holy Cross and Amherst. [Click here to read the full story.](#)



Dr. Patrick Awuah Jr. named 2015 MacArthur Foundation Fellow

Photo by John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

President of Ashesi University Dr. Patrick Awuah named a 2015 MacArthur Foundation Fellow

The Founder and President of Ashesi University in Ghana, a USAID/ASHA partner since 2010, Dr. Patrick Awuah has been named a 2015 MacArthur Foundation Fellow. There are three criteria for selection of Fellows: exceptional creativity, promise for important future advances based on a track record of significant accomplishment, and potential for the fellowship to facilitate subsequent creative work. Dr. Awuah hits all three of these marks and everyone at USAID says congratulations! Dr. Awuah represents the very best of what USAID/ASHA partners bring to the partnership and how their contributions create improved societies. [Click here to read the full story.](#)



Capt. Christine Sears gives a patient a sticker at a medical site established at St. Luc's Hospital in Haiti
U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communications Specialist 3rd Class Andrew Schneider/released)

USNS Comfort and Cuban Delegation give free care at St. Luc's

Last month, over 6,500 patients from Port-au-Prince and surrounding areas traveled to St. Luc Hospital, a USAID/ASHA award recipient in FY 14, to receive medical treatment thanks to the support of the Continuing Promise 2015 mission. Continuing Promise 2015 is a humanitarian deployment program that brings together the U.S. Navy, U.S. Army, partner nations' police officials, and civilian relief agencies to provide medical, dental, and veterinary services to countries in the Caribbean, Central America, and South America. [Click here to read more about this event.](#)

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